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KOMMUNISTSKAYA PRAVDA ON RABORN

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(KARPOVICH) ARTICLE IN KOMMUNISTSKAYA PRAVDA: "THE ROCK IN ON THE POLARIS")

(TEXT) AT FIRST GLANCE, THE APPOINTMENT TO THE CIA POST OF VICE ADMIRAL RETIRED RABORN IS SURPRISING, WRITES CONRADE (KARPOVICH). HE HAS SPENT ALL HIS CONSCIOUS LIFE IN THE FLEET, AFTER GRADUATING FROM THE NAVAL ACADEMY, WHERE HE WAS NOT AMONG THE OTHER DISTINGUISHED STUDENTS. AT THE BEGINNING OF WORLD WAR II, WILLIAM RABORN WAS A PILOT IN THE NAVAL AIR FORCE AND AFTERWARD WAS ENGAGED IN ROCKETS, BEING APPOINTED IN 1955 AS HEAD OF THE PROGRAM FOR CREATING THE POLARIS ROCKET.

IN SELECTING HIM, BOTH HIS PERSONAL CLOSENESS TO THE PRESIDENT, WHO--OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES BEING EQUAL--HABITUALLY GIVEN PREFERENCE TO FELLOW TEXAS, AND PRESSURE BY DEFENSE MINISTER MCNAMARA HAVE APPARENTLY PLAYED A PART. THE LATTER HAS FREQUENTLY ARGUED THAT A MILITARY MAN WOULD BETTER UNDERSTAND THE AFFAIRS OF THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY THAN A BUSINESSMAN, AS WAS FORMER DIRECTOR MCCONE.

IN CONNECTION WITH RABORN'S APPOINTMENT CONRADE (KARPOVICH) CONCLUDES THAT IN THE SECRET WAR BETWEEN THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE PENTAGON FOR PRIORITY IN THE CONDUCT OF FOREIGN POLICY, THE MILITARY HAS WON AN IMPORTANT VICTORY. RABORN'S CLOSENESS, ON THE ONE HAND, TO THE PENTAGON, AND ON THE OTHER, TO CALIFORNIA ROCKET CONSTRUCTORS, WHO ARE NOTED FOR THEIR BELLICOSITY, IS CAUSING SERIOUS APPREHENSIONS EVEN IN THE AMERICAN PRESS, WRITES THE AUTHOR.

AS AN ORGAN, IN EFFECT UNCONTROLLED, WITH IMMENSE MEANS AND OPPORTUNITIES, CIA IS TOO DANGEROUS AN INSTRUMENT TO BE ENTRUSTED TO A ROCKET ADMIRAL. NOW RABORN WILL CONTACT HIMSELF IN THE POST OF CIA DIRECTOR WILL BE SHOWN BY THE FUTURE. BUT, CONCLUDES CONRADE (KARPOVICH), HIS APPOINTMENT CAN BE DESCRIBED BY REPHRASING THE WELL-KNOWN ENGLISH EXPRESSION: A DANGEROUS MAN IN A DANGEROUS PLACE.

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